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## SPECIAL HEALTH SERVICES

### CONNECTING the DOTS

Children's Special Health Services (CSHS) is essential in assuring that children and youth with chronic medical conditions receive the full range of services they need, that services are not duplicated, and that providers communicate with families and with each other about their patients' care. CSHS helps connect the "dots of care."

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

CSHS can provide financial assistance to qualifying families to assist with covered medical expenses.

#### CARE COORDINATION

CSHS can help bridge the gaps between all services, resources, and providers you may need for your child.

#### TRANSITION PLANNING

CSHS helps prepare your child for transitions at daycare, school, and into adulthood.

#### PROBLEM SOLVING

The CSHS team helps your family identify the best options for your particular situation/needs.

#### ADVOCACY

CSHS helps families access and utilize specialty health care, education, and community resources.



"CSHS helped Sarah get the heart surgery she needed by arranging transportation by air, hotel, and a rental car for transportation to and from the hospital for her parents."

"CSHS traveled to Seth's school to talk to staff about diabetes and the importance of proper meal planning. CSHS also helped Seth and his family by arranging for them to have winter coats, school clothing and supplies."

"CSHS helped Josh by providing a great deal of emotional support, assistance with problem solving, education, and advocacy as well as assisting to coordinate multiple medical appointments."

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#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for CSHS, a child must:

- Be a resident of South Dakota
- Be under 21 years of age
- Have a chronic medical condition covered by CSHS
- Have a primary care provider.

**COST** There is no charge for working with the CSHS team.

**REFERRAL** Anyone can refer a child or youth to CSHS. Referrals often come from parents, doctors, nurses, therapists, and school personnel. To make a referral simply contact any CSHS office.

**SPECIALTY AREAS COVERED** Cardiology • Children's Rehabilitation  
Craniofacial Anomalies • Endocrinology • Genetics • Gastroenterology • Neurology  
Hematology / Hemophilia / Oncology • Ophthalmology • Pulmonary • Renal



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